# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SURFACE TRANSPORT
# LOK SABHA

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SAFETY STANDARDS FOR PORT WORKERS
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**Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government are aware about the inadequate safety measures undertaken in the ports for the workers;

(b) if so, whether there is a need to adopt safety standards for the port workers who are handling hazardous cargo;

(c) if so, the steps proposed to be taken in this direction; and

(d) the safety measures adopted in the Visakhapatnam Port?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT
(DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN)

(a), (b) & (c): Adequate safety measures are undertaken for safety of workers in the Major Ports as per the provisions of Dock Workers (Safety, Health & Welfare) Act, 1986 and the regulations framed thereunder. Due care and safety precautions are taken while handling hazardous cargo and whenever any shortcoming is noticed, corrective steps are taken.

(d) Safety measures adopted by the Visakhapatnam Port Trust to ensure safety for the Port Workers include supply of personal protective equipment as per Bureau of Indian Standards, provision of adequate illumination at all points in dock area, restrictions imposed on the speed of vehicles in the dock area, monitoring of ship gear by Assistant Director (Safety), training to workers on first aid, fire-fighting and testing of the condition of the port`s cargo handling equipment as per Dock Workers (Safety, Health & Welfare) Regulations, 1990 etc.